



BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Edward R. Murrow Program For Journalists

An Innovative Journalism Exchange Through Public-Private Partnership

The U.S. Department of State's 2008 Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists will bring approximately 150 emerging leaders in the field of journalism from around the world to examine journalistic practices in the United States. Planned for October 4-25, 2008, the program is an innovative public-private partnership between the Department of State, the Aspen Institute and 10 leading U.S. schools of journalism.

Program Highlights

Working in conjunction with U.S. journalism schools across the country, the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs developed a specialized International Visitor Leadership Program to engage young international media professionals in dialogue with their U.S. counterparts. After initial programming in Washington, D.C., the participants travel in smaller groups for academic seminars and field activities with faculty and students at one of the partner schools of journalism.

The journalism schools design specialized curriculum for their international counterparts to examine journalistic principles and practices, both in the United States and around the world. The universities generously contribute their resources, time and talent to make this program possible.

The visitors also travel to contrasting American cities to gain an understanding of media coverage of state politics and government and to observe American civic life and grassroots involvement in political affairs in smaller towns. The program will conclude in New York City, with visits to major media outlets and a symposium to highlight current trends and challenges facing the media in the United States and around the world.

Partner Institutions for the Murrow Program Include:

- The Aspen Institute, Washington, D.C.
- Annenberg School for Communication, University of Southern California
- Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Oklahoma
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Minnesota
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
- Philip Merrill College of Journalism, University of Maryland
- School of Communications, Jackson State University
- Schieffer School of Journalism, Texas Christian University
- College of Communication, Marquette University
- School of Journalism and Electronic Media, University of Tennessee

The International Visitor Leadership Program

The Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists is part of the prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State. The IVLP brings over 4,000 participants to the United States from around the world each year to meet and engage with their professional counterparts. American officials overseas select the visitors, who are current or potential leaders in government, education, politics, the media and other fields. More than 270 current and former Heads of Government or Chiefs of State, 1,500 cabinet-level ministers, and many other distinguished world leaders in government and the private sector have participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program.

The Department of State directs the IVLP in cooperation with a number of non-profit organizations and over 90 community-based organizations across the country, under the leadership of the National Council for International Visitors located in Washington, D.C.